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REMARKS

The present Response and Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 20-29 have been allowed. Claims 13-16 have been objected to. Claims 1-12 and 17-19 have been rejected. Claim 9 has been amended.

Claims 1-8, 13 and 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 20-29.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 9 to include the limitations of claim 13 and has cancelled claim 13.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 is allowable. Each of claims 10-12 and 14-16 depends from amended independent claim 9, includes all the features of the claim from which it depends as well as additional distinguishing features, and is therefore likewise allowable.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection Based on Fullerton and Noori

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,937,667 to Fullerton et al. ("Fullerton") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,760,572 to Noori ("Noori"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claims 1-12 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Fullerton in view of Noori in view of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1-8 and 17-19 have been cancelled; the rejection of these claims is therefore moot.

As indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action on page 6, claims 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13.

Each of claims 10-12 depends from amended independent claim 9, includes all the features of the claim from which it depends as well as additional distinguishing features, and is therefore likewise allowable.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-12 and 17-19 under 35 USC §103(a) over Fullerton in view of Noori be withdrawn.

Conclusion

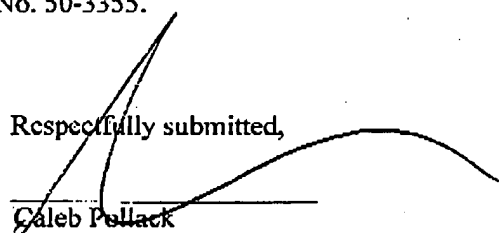
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Response and Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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No fees are believed to be due associated with this paper. If any such fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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